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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ROMUALDEZ APPOINTED PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO PEKING

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1. GOP MADE LONG ANTICIPATED ANNOUNCEMENT JAN 11 THAT FIRST LADY'S BROTHER BENJAMIN "KOKOY" ROMUALDEZ WILL BE AMBASSADOR TO PEKING. ACCORDING MEDIA, HE FLEW TO PEKING JANUARY 11 BEARING LETTER FROM MARCOS TO MAO IN ORDER TO ATTEND FUNERAL OBSERVANCES FOR CHOU. REPORTS SPECIFIED THAT ROMUALDEZ WOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD HIS APPOINTMENT AS GOVERNOR OF LEYTE.

2. COMMENT: ROMUALDEZ APPOINTMENT AS FIRST
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PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO PEKING WAS (DESPITE OCCASIONAL

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COUNTER-RUMORS) WIDELY ASSUMED EVER SINCE HE HANDLED PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST LADY AND PRESIDENTIAL VISITS LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION TO BEING SHREWD AND ULTIMATELY WELL CONNECTED, ROMUALDEZ HAS CONSIDERABLE INFORMAL DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE; HE WAS PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL ENVOY TO US WITH SPECIAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR IN 1965-66 AND HAS DONE FOOTWORK FOR ALL OF HIS SISTER IMELDA'S MAJOR TRIPS. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL RETAIN LEYTE DUTIES PROBABLY INTENDED AS CLEAR SIGNAL THAT HE INTENDS TO SPEND MUCH IF NOT MOST OF TIME IN PHILIPPINES AND IS NOT ABOUT TO RELINQUISH HIS POSITION AS PALACE INTIMATE AND GOOD RIGHT HAND OF HIS SISTER. SULLIVAN

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